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1.   since 1 July 1950 all available flat cars have been assembled into trains of 50 flat cars and two coaches each. The empty trains were dispatched eastward immediately. Six trains of this type were assembled at Kietz and dispatched between 1 July and 9 July. The flat cars were of all categories available.
2. Surveying work has been under way at Eisenach, Ilmenau, Elze, Katzhütte, Schmiedefeld, Saalfeld, and Grosskamsdorf (all in Thuringia) since the middle of June; the work is being done by Germans, allegedly from Aue, under the supervision of Soviet officers. There are persistent local rumors that the surveying is being done with a view to the construction of field fortifications. The lines in the area west, south, and southeast of Saalfeld are marked by small white stakes, and trenches have been dug along the zigzag lines. Large quantities of lumber are being unloaded in Saalfeld and dumped there. Excavations at various places seem to indicate the construction of bunkers. In Katzhütte 700 workmen have been newly accommodated, and it is reported that this number is to be increased to 7,000 in the Katzhütte-Saalfeld area; local housing offices have already requisitioned several buildings to provide quarters for them.
3. Seven Soviet officers riding in a motor vehicle belonging to the 57th Guards Motorized Rifle Division arrived at the komendatura in Gerstungen in the evening of 3 July. On the following day they walked to a ridge north of the Autobahn near Gerstungen and held several one-hour conferences at elevated points in that area. Observers say that they seemed to be pointing out sites as if "for future border fortifications". Newly dug fox-holes have been seen at two places in the area west of Gerstungen.

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